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From an English Paper.

"TIS TIME."

OR, THE LITTLE FACTORY GIRL.

"Twas on a winter's morning.

The weather was wet and wild,

Three hours before the dawning

The father roused his child.

Her daily morsel bringing.

The darkness round her paced,

And cried, "The bell is ringing,

My hapless darling, haste!"

"Father, I'm up, but weary,

I scarce can reach the door,

And long the way and dreary—

O, carry me once more!

To help us we've no mother,

And you have no employ;

They killed my little brother—

Like him I'll work and die!"

Her wasted form seemed nothing,

The load was at her heart;

The sufferer he kept soothing,

Till at the mill they part.

The overlooker met her,

As to her frame she crept,

And with his hand he beat her,

And cursed her as she wept.

Alas! what hour of horror

Made up her latest day;

In toil, and pain, and sorrow,

They slowly passed away!

It seemed as she grew weaker,

The threads they oftener broke,

The rapid wheels ran quicker,

And heavier fell the stroke.

The sun had long descended,

Not night brought no repose;

Her day began and ended

As round the mill she sped.

At length a little brighter

Her path may she find,

To reach the last little mile,

Which by her home she find.

At night, with tortured feelings

He watched her sleepless child,

While close beside her kneeling,

She knew him not, nor smiled.

Again, the Father's blessing

His hand she found to feel,

When from her breast he sprang.

"Tis time!" he cried, and fled.

From the Lady's Companion.

THE BORROWED PELERINE.

Translated from the French.

In a fancy millinery establishment situated in the Faubourg Saint-Germain, was seated a young girl, lovely as spring, gay as a lark and confiding as goodness itself. She was busily engaged in trimming a dress which she was anxious to finish in order to be at liberty to set out on a party of pleasure. "Mon Dieu! I hear Saint Sulpice sounding vesper," she exclaimed, and I have promised to be at a house in the Champs Elysees by four o'clock, where the lady awaits to accompany me to Versailles, and I have no time to dress myself. My dear Rose, pray finish this trimming, and I will oblige you in the same way when it is your turn to go out."

Rose could not refuse the supplicating Julie, but putting the dress of her companion saying "You have a superb day—rain and tempest reserve themselves for my visiting day."

Without replying to this ill-natured observation, Julie prepared to quit the counter, but stopped with an air of indecision at the door of the back shop—fear and desire were both expressed on her charming countenance. She hesitated—but vanity overruled discretion in her heart, and pretending to have forgotten something, she returned to the counter. She cast a glance at Rose who was seated at a distance occupied with the trimming, and quickly opening a box she took from it an embroidered pelerine, and covering it with her pocket-handkerchief, tripped up to her chamber. "Madame will not come home until after I have returned," she said, "and I can then replace the pelerine in the box, and no one will ever know I have borrowed it"—and then Gustave will be so charmed, for Gustave does so admire elegant dress."

Gustave was the head clerk of the merchant who supplied the shop to which Julie was attached. It was there they first became acquainted. Attention soon followed, and as the young man was ardent, and Julie candid, their vows soon exchanged. Gustave had frequently

urge Julie to ride out with him into the country, but she had refused, but when he proposed taking a relative with them, she consented to the wishes of her lover.

"I am afraid I have kept you waiting, Madame," said Julie, as she entered the parlor of Madame Molner the relative of Gustave. The lady assured her she was in time, while Gustave presented a friend of his who, he whispered was soon to espouse the widow Molner. A Delta which was waiting at the door, received the four young people, and they were soon on the route to Versailles.

The hours pass quickly to those who love, and while our party were wandering among the shady lanes, illumined by the moon's rays, and imbibed the fresh air, fragrant with the perfume of orange trees, the clock struck ten.

"It is so late!" exclaimed Julie, with dismay, "I shall be locked out. Do let us go home."

"We shall soon be in Paris," said Gustave, "and if it should happen that your house is closed, Madame Molner will with pleasure receive you at hers."

"That will never do!" cried Julie, weeping, and heedless of the offers of Madame Molner and Gustave. The carriage stopped a few steps from the shop, and Gustave, who cared not, on Julie's account to be seen with her, begged his friend to give her his arm to the door. It was, however, in vain they called and knocked, they received no answer. Probably the inmates had been ordered not to arise, and seeing their effort were useless, the young man led Julie back to the carriage.

"The distress of the young girl was great—'Oh, Gustave,' she exclaimed, 'you have ruined me forever!'"

In vain were all their efforts to soothe her, and Gustave regretted the pleasure he had enjoyed should have been the cause of sorrow to his Julie. When they arrived at the house of Madame Molner, he wished to enter and console her, but she begged him to leave her.

"Come to-morrow," she said, "to encourage me to appear before Madame, for she is so severe, especially towards an orphan who has no one to defend her."

"Cannot I defend you, Julie?"

She shook her head while the tears dropped from her eyes. "Ah, by what title can you declare yourself my protector?"

Gustave embraced her in silence and departed; promising to return in the morning. Julie slept so ill that night, that she arose at daylight, begging Madame Molner to accompany her home, and speak for her to her mistress.

"Then you will not wait for Gustave?"

"No, I cannot, but you will see him and make my excuse to him."

Julie appeared so wretched, that Madame Molner consented to accompany her. In vain, however, was her intercession. Madame B. would not listen to Julie, but ordered her instantly to collect her clothes and never appear before her again. Madame Molner endeavored to speak a few words in her favor, but with a glance of contempt, Madame B. turned from her and entered another apartment.

"Come with me," said the irritated Madame Molner, "I will send by and by for your things." She seized Julie's hand and carried her off, while she, overcome with grief at being so roughly dismissed, lost all recollection of the fatal Borrowed Pelerine.

Seated at the bar of a court of justice is a young girl, her head sunk upon her bosom, her hands clasped at her knees, and so pale, so motionless as to resemble a marble statue of Grief. She had been weeping, but the tears had dried upon the cheeks they had withered. A curious crowd were around her, gazing on her with various sentiments, among which, however, compassion prevailed.

"Poor child," said an old man, "they say she is already condemned."

"She is pretty," said another, "but what a pity she is so pale."

"Of what is that young girl accused?" asked another who had just entered the hall. This was addressed to an orange woman, who had left her shop to the care of a neighbor, that she might sooner learn the determination of the jury, who were shut up deliberating.

"They say," she replied, "the young girl is accused of stealing an embroidered pelerine from the lady for whom she was working."

"A friend of the accused affirms on oath, the unhappy girl only borrowed it to wear one evening with the intention of replacing it, and was arrested about to send it back, when she was arrested on the suit of that wicked woman whom you see there. But let me tell you she will fare the worse for having brought that child here, merely on account of a vile piece of flowered muslin!"

"Mon Dieu! exclaimed an old soldier, gazing at the accused, 'it is Mademoiselle Julie, the daughter of our colonel, who was killed at Wagram!' and dashing the tears from his eyes, he disappeared from the court."

While the audience in the court-room were thus occupied gazing upon, and talking about the unfortunate Julie, the jury were busily weighing the case, and at last left forced, by their consciences to condemn

her. One jurymen alone listened in silence and earnest attention to all which had been said, and felt great regret that one so young and hitherto so good, should have her young days so cruelly blasted, merely for a movement of vanity, and without having committed a premeditated fraud.

He addressed the jury with fervor, and the holy eloquence of charity spoke to their hearts, softened the rigor of justice, and at length every one concurred in the opinion of the defender of Julie. As the jury entered the court a solemn silence prevailed. The foreman stood forth, and declared the case had been faithfully examined, and the jury now pronounced the accused acquitted.

Thunders of applause burst from every voice and every heart around. A young man rushed through the crowd and stood beside Julie. She started on hearing his voice, and crying—"Oh, I am not a thief!" fell insensible into the arms of Gustave, and the crowd gave way as he passed out with his tender burden. Madame Molner joined them, whispering "A carriage awaits us before the court-house," and the party disappeared from the eyes of the joyful and commiserating spectators.

The above narrative was obtained from the compassionate jurymen, who had the pleasure of saving the young girl from a sentence of infamy. He has often said, that this was the happiest day of his life. E. R. S.

WHEATON AND THE PANTHER.

Ben Wheaton was one of the first settlers on the waters of the Susquehanna, immediately after the war, a rough, uncultivated and primitive man. As many others of the same stamp and character, he subsisted chiefly by hunting, cultivating the land but sparingly, and in this way raised a numerous family amid the woods and in a half starved condition, and comparative nakedness. But as the Susquehanna country rapidly increased in population, the hunting grounds of Wheaton were encroached upon; so that a chance with the smooth bore, among the deer and bears was greatly lessened. On this account Wheaton removed from the Susquehanna country, in Oswego county, to the more unsettled wilds of the Delaware, near a place yet known by the appellation of *Wheaton's settlement*, where game was more plenty. The distance from where he made his home in the woods through the Susquehanna, was about fifteen miles, and was one continued wilderness at that time. Through these woods this almost aboriginal hunter was often compelled to pass to the Susquehanna, for various necessities, and among the rest no small quantity of whiskey, as he was of very intemperate habits. On one of these revisits, in the midst of summer, with his smooth bore on his shoulder, knife, hatchet, &c. in their proper places, he had nearly penetrated the distance, when he became weary, and having come to the summit of a ridge (sometime in the afternoon) which overlooks the vale of the Susquehanna, he selected a convenient place in the shade, as it was hot, for the rays of the sun from the west poured his sultry influence through all the forest, where he lay down to rest awhile among the leaves, after having taken a drink from his pint bottle of green glass, and a mouthful of Johnycake from his pocket.

In this situation he was soothed to drowsiness by the hum of insects, and the monotony of the passing winds among the foliage around him when he soon unwarily fell asleep with his gun folded in his arms. But after a while he awoke from his sleep, and for a moment or two still lay in the same position, as it happened, without stirring, when he found that something had taken place while he had slept, which had situated him somewhat differently from the manner in which he first went to sleep. On reflecting a moment, he found he was entirely covered over, head and ears, with leaves and light stuff, occasioned as he now supposed, either by the sudden blowing of the wind, or by some wild animal. On which account he became a little disturbed in his mind, as he well knew the manners of the panther at that season of the year, when it hunts to support its young, and will often cover its prey with leaves and bring its whelps to the banquet. He therefore continued to lie perfectly still, as when he first awoke; he thought he heard the step of some kind of heavy animal near him; and knowing that if it were a Panther the distance between himself and death could not be far, if he should attempt to rise up. Accordingly, as he suspected, after having lain still a full minute, he now distinctly heard the retiring tread of a stealthy panther, of which he had no doubt, from his knowledge of the creature's ways. It had taken but a few steps, however, when it again stopped a longer time; still Wheaton continued his silent position, knowing his safety depended much on this. Soon the tread was again heard, farther and farther off, until it entirely died away in the distance—but he still lay motionless a few minutes longer, than he ventured gently and cautiously to raise his head, and cast an eye in the direction the creature, whatever it was, had gone, but could see nothing. He now rose up with a spring, for his blood had been running from his heart to his extremities, and back again with uncommon velocity, and all the while his ears had listened to the

steps of the animal on the leaves and brush. He now saw plainly the marks of design among the leaves, and that he had been covered over, and that the paws of some creature had done it.

And if, as he suspected, a panther was the animal, he knew it would soon return to kill him, on which account he made haste to deceive it, and to put himself in a situation to give it a taste of the contents of old smooth bore. He now seized upon some pieces of old wood which lay all about, and placed as much as was equal to his own bulk, exactly where he had slept, and covered it all over with leaves in the same manner the panther had done; and then sprang to a tree near by, into which he ascended, from whence he had a view a good distance about him, and especially in the direction the creature had gone. Here in the crotch of the tree he stood, with his gun resting across a limb, in the direction of the place where he had been left by the panther, looking sharply as far as among the woods as possible in the direction he expected the creature's return. But he had remained in this condition but a short time, and had barely thrust the ram-rod down the barrel of his piece, to be sure the charge in it, and to examine her priming, and shut down the pan, slowly so that it should not snap and thus make a noise, when his keen Indian eye, for such he had, caught a glimpse of a monstrous panther, leading warily to panther kittens toward her intended supper.

Now matters were hastening to a climax rapidly, when Wheaton or the panther should finish their hunting on the mountains of the Susquehanna, for if old Smooth Bore should flash in the pan, or miss her aim, the die would be cast, a second load would be impossible ere her claws would have sundered his heart string in the tree where he was, or if he should be partially wounded here, the same must have been his fate. During these thoughts the panther had hid her young under some brush, and had come within some thirty feet of the spot, where she supposed her victim was still sleeping, and seeing all as she left it, dropped down to a crouching position, precisely as a cat, when about to spring on its prey. Now was seen the soul of the panther in its perfection; merging from the recess of nature hidden by the creature, along the whole nervous system, but resting chiefly in the brain, from whence it glared in bright horror, from its burning eyes, curled in its strong and vibrating tail, pushed out its sharp, white and elliptical fangs, from its broad and powerful jaws, ready for glittering, glittered on the points of its uncovered teeth, and smoked in rapid issues of steam from its red and open jaws, while every hair of its long dun back stood erect in savage joy, denoting that the fatal moment of its leap had come.

Now the horrid nestling of its hinder claws drawn under its belly was heard, and the bent hind-strings were seen but a half instant by Wheaton from where he sat in his tree, when the tremendous leap was made. It rose on a long curve into the air of about ten feet in the highest place, and from thence descending, it struck exactly where the breast and bowels of its prey had lain, with a scream too horrible for description, when it tore to atoms the rotten wood, filling for several feet above it, the air with the leaves and light brush, the covering of the deception. But instantly the panther found herself cheated, and seemed to drop a little with disappointment, when however it resumed an erect posture, and surveyed quietly around on every side on a horizontal line, in search of its prey, but not discovering it, she cast a furious look aloft among the tops of the trees, when in a moment or two the eyes of Wheaton and the panther had met. Now for another leap, when she dropped for that purpose, but the bullet was off, and two buck shot of old smooth bore, were too quick; as he lodged them all exactly in the brain of the savage monster, and stretched her dead on the spot where the hunter had slept but a short time before, in the soundness of a mountain dream.

He had marked the spot where her young were hidden, which, at the report of the gun, were frightened and ran up a tree. Wheaton now came down and found the panther in measure, from the end of its nose to the point of its tail, eight feet six inches in length; a creature sufficiently strong to have carried him off on a full run, had he have fallen into its power. He now reloaded and went to the tree where her kittens, or the young panthers were, and soon brought them down from their grasping parents, companions for their conqueror and slain parent.

Wheaton dismantled them of their hides, and hastened away least, some other encounter before the night should set in, when the disadvantage of darkness might decide the victory in a way more advantageously to the roamer of the forest. Of this feat Ben Wheaton never ceased to boast; reciting it as the most appalling passage of his hunting life. The animal, smallest and least of his kind, and had found him as he supposed; intending to give her young a specimen of the manner of their future life, or if this is to much for the minds of a dumb animal, she intended at least to give them a supper.

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EXAMINATION IN GRAMMAR.

At a fashionable seminary for young Ladies.

"Pray, Miss, what part of speech is the noun of the parish?"

"I suppose he is a conjunction, Madam."

"A conjunction, Miss? What kind of a conjunction?"

"A copulative conjunction, Madam."

"Why a copulative conjunction?"

"Because, he connects like cases, and like moods and tenses."

"How does he connect like cases?"

"He unites parties, both of whom are in love; which I take to be, that both are in the same case."

"Very well. How does he connect like moods?"

"The parties to be united are, I suppose, both in a mood to be married, and are thus in like mood."

"But how does he connect like tenses?"

"If both are desirous, at the time of the ceremony, of being immediately united, are, I presume, in the present tense; and thus he connects like tenses."

"Does such a copulative conjunction connect like genders?"

"No, Madam, that is not according to the rules of Copulative grammar. His rule is, that copulative conjunctions connect unlike genders, or rather contrary genders;—that is, Masculine and feminine—never the center."

"Very well, indeed, Miss—your examination does you much credit—you may pass. You are entitled to the degree of *Bachelress of Arts*. You shall have a husband when you are married."

"Thank you Madam.—Best, Post."

Anomalous.—The Germantown Telegraph has lost a subscriber by sending in his bill as often as he desired. On reading this singular case, we feel strongly tempted to relate the conversation of two Africans, on the much disputed subject, whether a man ever dies before his time comes. Coffee said no, Pompey said yes.

"Now," argued the latter, "pose a man eat a hearty supper of pork and peas, and he wake up in the morning and find himself 'non dead'—what you say to dat, Cuff! Don't you think he die before he time come?"

"W'y, yes, Pompey, replied Cuff unable to resist the force of this argument—"I grant you in this 'ticular case; but, by gosh! it won't happen one time in ten thousand."

A loafer, who had got his Christmas load on, fetched up against the side of a house which had been newly painted. Shoving himself clear by a vigorous effort he took one glimpse at his shoulder, another at the horse, a third at his hands, and exclaimed, "Well, that's a damned careless trick in whoever painted that house, to leave it standing out all night for people to run against!"

QUICKER THEN MAGIC. In the presence of seventy-eight persons in London, a parcel of rags were recently taken, made into paper, dried, and printed on, in five minutes! When this celebrity becomes universal, loafers must be whipped off, and tucked under their noses in the shape of a handbill advertising vagrants before they know it. [Times.]

Lord Newton, an eminent judge in the Court of Sessions about the beginning of the present century, was an extraordinary bachelor. He was proposing to buy an estate, and the measure, from the end of its nose to the point of its tail, eight feet six inches in length; a creature sufficiently strong to have carried him off on a full run, had he have fallen into its power. He now reloaded and went to the tree where her kittens, or the young panthers were, and soon brought them down from their grasping parents, companions for their conqueror and slain parent.

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Legislature of Maine.

IN SENATE.

SATURDAY, Jan. 12, 1839.

On motion of Mr. LITTLEFIELD, the Committee on the Judiciary was instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the 2d section of an additional act passed March 1838, relative to the repair of highways.

Read once and Tuesday assigned—Bills, additional for the partition of Real Estate—to exempt certain goods and chattels from attachment, execution or distress. Adj.

MONDAY, Jan. 14.

On motion of Mr. DUMONT, the Committee on the Judiciary was instructed to inquire into the expediency of making a new law for the distribution of Poor Debtor's property, and of exempting his body, after such distribution, from arrest, and his subsequently acquired property from attachment for civil cause of action.

On motion of Mr. SHAW, Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands be directed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the office of Surveyor General. Adjourned.

TUESDAY, Jan. 15.

On motion of Mr. LITTLEFIELD, a message was sent to the House proposing a Convention forthwith to qualify John Walker, Counsellor elect.

Mr. Perkins offered an order for inquiring into the expediency of passing a law to provide that if any bank shall refuse, at any time, to pay its liabilities in specie, its banking operations shall also be suspended—that the Bank Commissioners shall forthwith repair to such bank, minutely examine its condition, and report the same to the Governor, for publication, if deemed proper—and that after a continuance of such refusal for—days it shall be the duty of the Commissioners to cause legal proceedings to be instituted for a forfeiture of the charter of the bank so refusing. The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Bowles, an order was passed directing the Committee on the Militia to inquire into the expediency of so altering the militia law that persons doing military duty shall be allowed a compensation proportioned to the distance they are obliged to travel to and from the place of parade or review.

The Senate then went into Convention. Bill providing for the election of Sheriffs and County Commissioners came from the House, referred to a special Committee. Mr. Littlefield moved to nonconcur, and refer the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary, which motion prevailed.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 16.

The order from the House directing the Judiciary Committee to report a bill allowing each citizen of this State, to own a yoke of oxen exempt from attachment, was on motion of Mr. Dumont, so amended as to direct that Committee to inquire into the expediency of so reporting a bill, and passed in concurrence as amended.

The order directing the Judiciary Committee report a bill changing the tenure of certain Judicial officers, came from the House. Mr. LITTLEFIELD moved to amend by instructing the Committee to inquire into the expediency. He did not consider it decorous to the Committee on the Judiciary to direct them to report a bill—they were willing to inquire into the expediency of reporting bills on subjects committed to them. He for one was not willing, and he was authorized to say for the other gentlemen on the Judiciary Committee, that they were not willing, to be made mere machines for reporting bills. If any gentleman wanted a bill let him draft it and introduce it himself. The amendment of Mr. L. was adopted, and the order as amended passed in concurrence.

TUESDAY, Jan. 17.

A Bill additional to an act respecting the duties of the Attorney General and County Attorneys, was read once, and on motion of Mr. LITTLEFIELD, laid on the table and 600 copies ordered to be printed.

A Bill was reported by the Judiciary Committee to increase the number of the Justices of the S. J. Court from three to four, which was once read and Wednesday next assigned.

Message from the House informing the Senate that that body had, agreeably to the concurrent vote of yesterday, proceeded to ballot for U. S. Senator and had made choice of the Hon. REUEL WILLIAMS, as such, for the term of six years commencing the 4th of March next.

The hour assigned, having arrived, the Senate proceeded on its part, to the election of Senator to represent this State in the United States Senate for the term of six years from the 4th of March next. Messrs. Littlefield, Belcher, and Williams, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes. Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported as follows:—

Whole number of votes
Necessary to a choice
REUEL WILLIAMS has
George Evans
John S. Tenney
John Holmes

And REUEL WILLIAMS was thereupon declared elected.

On motion of Mr. LITTLEFIELD, Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to notify the Governor that the Legislature have this day by a concurrent vote of the Senate and House of Representatives, elected REUEL WILLIAMS, in the County of Kennebec, a Senator to represent this State in the Congress of the United States, for six years from and after the third of March next, and that the Governor be requested to furnish him with certificates and testimonials of his election, to enable him to take his seat in the Senate of the United States, from and after the time aforesaid. Adj.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SATURDAY, Jan. 12, 1839.

The order relative to instructing the Judiciary Committee to report a Resolve changing the time of holding the annual State election and session of the Legislature, came from the Senate so amended as simply to direct the Committee to inquire into the expediency of so doing, and passed amended. The House recede, adopt the amendments, and concur the Senate in its passage as amended.

A communication from the Adjutant General, transmitting the Pay Roll of the Courts Martial—referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Ous of Hallowell, by leave, laid on the table a Bill directing the mode of choosing County Commissioners and County Attorneys. Adj.

MONDAY, Jan. 14.

The message of the late Governor and accompanying documents, in relation to the N. E. Boundary, was on motion of Mr. ALLEN of Bangor, taken up and referred to the Committee on the N. E. Boundary.

Message of the late Governor relative to the Geological Survey, was called upon and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

On motion, it was Ordered, that the Committee on Agriculture be directed to inquire into the expediency of instituting an Agricultural Survey of the State.

The Bill directing the mode of choosing County Commissioners, Clerks of Courts, and County Attorneys, was taken up and once read. Mr. Ous of Hallowell, moved that it be committed to a Joint Select Committee of one from each County on the part of the House; but withdrew this motion on the suggestion of Mr. DELESDERNIER of Baileyville, to print; and then on motion of Mr. D. the bill was ordered to lie on the table and 300 copies to be printed.

Subsequently on motion of Mr. DELESDERNIER the vote to print was reconsidered;—and Mr. Ous renewed his motion to commit it to a Select Committee. Mr. CAREY of Houlton thought it unnecessary to multiply Committees; and that it would answer every purpose to commit it to the Committee on the Judiciary. Mr. Ous was not tenacious as to what Committee it was referred. The particular design he had in view, was that it might be made as perfect and as unexceptionable, as it could be—and if it were committed to the Committee he had named, there would be a greater opportunity to draft it more in accordance with the views of the people of the State—it contemplated an important change, and a full expression of opinion from the different sections should be had as to its propriety. Mr. SHELTON considered it peculiarly proper that this Bill should be committed to a Committee of one from each County. It was not a subject at all relating to the Judiciary; but was simply a question whether Executive shall appoint or the people elect certain officers. The Judiciary Committee was selected with reference solely to their legal knowledge, and not in reference to their locality—and they could not be expected to know what public sentiment was with regard to this subject in the various portions of the State. The question on the commitment was then taken and decided in the affirmative, yeas 71, nays 55. The following gentleman were appointed this Committee on the part of the House:—Messrs. Ous of Hallowell, Mildram of Wells, Walker of Bridgton, Homer of Bucksport, Levensaler of Thomaston, Baker of Sturben, Walker of Lovell, Morrill of Brewer, Wynan of Skowhegan, Ela of New Sharon, Elliot of Knox, and Crooker of Foxcroft. Adj.

TUESDAY, Jan. 15.

Message from the Senate proposing a Convention forthwith for the purpose of qualifying John Walker, Counsellor elect; the House assented.

IN CONVENTION.

Mr. COLB of Paris was charged with a message to inform JOHN WALKER, Counsellor elect, that the two branches were now in Convention, ready to administer to him the oaths of office.

Mr. Walker immediately came in and was qualified agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution. The Convention then dissolved. Mr. CUSHMAN of Dexter presented the following:—

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to report a Resolve so altering and amending the Constitution of this State, that the tenure of Judicial offices shall be changed and limited to— years.

Mr. CUSHMAN said that this order directed the Committee to report a bill, effective action on which required a vote of two-thirds of either branch. He wished to get it before the Legislature as soon as possible, that it might go out to the people at an early day for their action. When it did come before the House, he trusted members would not be satisfied to permit it to pass by a bare vote of two-thirds; but that it might receive the unanimous approval of the House. There was no reason why a Judge should be allowed to sit on the Bench till he was 70 years old, whether competent or incompetent, any more than the Governor of the State, or the members of the Legislature;—the old cry that he would be biased by the politics of the day to the contrary. It was time the anti-Republican feature in our system was exploded;—and the competency of the Judges made to pass at stated periods in review before the people or representatives of the people, as well as other officers.

The order then passed.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 16.

Bill providing for the election of County Commissioners, &c., referred by the House to a special Committee, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Ous of Hallowell hoped the House would non-concur the Senate and insist on reference to a special Committee. One object of the reference was to collect public opinion on the subject. A special Committee, consisting of one from each County, could better perform this duty. It could also, probably, report earlier, and mature the details of the bill quite as well as any Standing Committee.

Mr. Paine of Sanford thought it better to concur. It was not a matter of great consequence, either committee would do its duty; and it was hardly worth while to get into a disagreement on the subject.

Mr. Ous of Hallowell, said if the gentleman from Sanford, who is Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary on the part of the House, would state that he was in favor of the principles of the bill, he would withdraw his motion.

Mr. Paine replied that his opinions were not fully made up. His mind was open to conviction by any arguments which might be presented.

Mr. French of Noleborn was in favor of concurring with Senate, for the reason that there is already a bill before the Judiciary Committee covering the same ground in part at least, with the present bill. He was surprised at the course of the gentleman from Hallowell, who seemed to be afraid to trust a measure to a Committee unless they are previously pledged to support it—in other words unless the Committee were "packed" for the occasion.

Mr. Sheldon replied that it was the parliamentary rule to appoint Committees friendly to the principles of the bill or other papers referred to them.

Mr. Ous took the same ground and read from Jefferson's manual in support of it. He spoke at length in favor of the principles of the bill, and was unwilling to have it go to a Committee unfriendly to those principles.

Mr. CAREY of Houlton remarked that it was an old saying that the devil could quote scripture to suit his own purpose; and the federal party had the same way of quoting Thomas Jefferson. He thought the sudden friendship of that party for the rights of the people was rather a profession than a reality. They seemed to have the same instinctive regard for the rights of the people, that the fox has for the goose. Why was it, sir, that last year, when certain gentlemen had the control in this House, there was no anxiety to pass this bill; but now when the appointing power has passed from them, they are full of zeal in its favor? If the appointing power was now in the same hands, as last year no move would be made, in that quarter, in favor of this bill.

After some further debate the question was taken, and the motion to nonconcur negative— yeas 62, nays 104. The House then receded, and referred the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence with the Senate.

On motion of Mr. CHASE of Buckfield, the Committee on the Judiciary was directed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the law as to give overseers of the poor power to take the property of persons, who actually become chargeable, to an amount not exceeding seventy dollars, and apply the same to their support. Adj.

THURSDAY, Jan. 17.

On motion of Mr. Talbot, Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee inquire into the expediency of abolishing imprisonment for debt, except in cases of fraud, and of repealing all existing poor debtors laws and enacting an entire new law.

At 11 o'clock the House proceeded to ballot for a United States Senator (to succeed Reuel Williams) for six years commencing March 4th, 1839. Messrs. Carey, Vase, Rawson, Cushman and Dorrance, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes. Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported as follows:—

Whole number of votes
Necessary to a choice
Reuel Williams has
George Evans
John S. Tenney
Ezekiel Whitman

REUEL WILLIAMS was declared elected on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Tyler of Newfield, Ordered, That a Committee of one from each County be raised, with such as the Senate may join, to receive all claims which may be presented against the State, agreeably to the several acts to encourage the culture of wheat and corn.

Messrs. Tyler, of Newfield, Buxton of North Yarmouth, Fuller of Boothbay, Salter of South Van, Fowler of Lubec, Drake of Albion, Smith of Norway, Garcelon of St. Albans, True of Garland, Harkness of Camden, Lovejoy of Sebec, and Howes of New Sharon, were appointed on the part of the House. Adj.

Congressional Proceedings.

IN SENATE—Monday Jan. 14.

The Hon. Daniel Webster appeared to day, and took his seat.

NORTH CAROLINA RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Brown, of North Carolina, presented sundry joint resolutions of the Legislature of North Carolina, against the sub-Treasury, the expunging act, and the graduation land bill.

Messrs. Brown and Strange, from that State, said they recognized the right of instruction to its fullest extent, but considered these resolutions as intended to be recommendatory only, in their character, and as leaving to them the discretion to act according to their own judgment.

Mr. Merrick presented a petition from the chamber of commerce of the city of Baltimore relative to the employment of boys in the merchant service, as apprentices to ship masters. The memorial reports that the commerce of the country is suffering for the want of seamen, and it is proposed to require by law that every vessel shall take a certain number of boys as apprentices; referred and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Young presented a petition against the made employed by the Polish grantees of locating their land under their grant.

Mr. Clay, of Alabama, reported a bill for discontinuing the surveyor general's office in some cases, and the office of solicitor of the land office.

GRADUATION BILL.

This bill was taken up, and Mr. Webster spoke in favor of the postponement of the measure.

The motion of Mr. Rives to postpone, indefinitely, was lost, yeas 23 to 27.

Mr. Morris offered a substitute for the bill, receding all the refuse lands to the states where in they lie, and spoke at length on the subject. After which the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Harlan asked if it was the intention of the gentleman from New York (Mr. Cambreleng) to abandon the resolutions for the appointment of a select committee on the Swartwout defalcation. If the House had any desire to go into the matter, there should be no delay.

Mr. Cambreleng said it was the opponents of the administration who caused all the delay, by speaking. He had said but a word or two on it.

RESOLUTIONS.

The House was called for resolutions. A vast number were presented.

Mr. Wise presented a resolution, calling upon the Secretary of War for information in regard to certain charges preferred by a Mr. Hunter of the navy against Com. Elliot. The commodore is charged with committing a gross outrage upon the said Hunter. The resolution was adopted after some objections. The resolution also calls for information in regard to Elliot's conduct in the Mediterranean.

TALKING.

Mr. Sherrod Williams, of Kentucky, presented a set of resolutions, which were rejected as disrespectful to the House—declaring, among other things, that members of Congress were sent here to work, and not to make long speeches—and declaring farther, that if members were not more inclined to work than to talk, the House ought to adjourn, and the members to return to their constituents. The yeas and nays were ordered upon the resolutions, and the vote stood yeas 67, nays 93.

Mr. Adams introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:—

Resolved, That as the powers of this House are conferred by the constitution, no resolution of this House can add to them or detract from them.

After the reception of several Executive communications the House adjourned.

WASHINGTON LETTER WRITERS.

The Senate the U. S. recently postponed indefinitely, a resolution granting letter writers some additional accommodations, on the floor of that body. We are hardly surprised at this. Such is the frequent recklessness of Washington correspondents—so regardless do they too often seem of the truth of their statements—such a disposition do they manifest, in many cases, to torture every debate in a form which will suit their own purposes—and so frequently do they invent, for the sake of giving piquancy to their communications, stories which are circulated to the injury of character and which are totally unfounded, that it would be strange if the Senate had evinced any disposition to countenance or aid them. We know that all Washington correspondents are not of this description.

There are a few among them who deserve the character of reporters—who aim at nothing higher than to describe accurately the proceedings which they witness, and would scorn to manufacture calumny in order to add zest to their letters, and make them more generally read. But these exceptions are by no means numerous. The majority of the corps are sadly deficient in respect for themselves, and respect for the community. The following confession of one of the craft, which we take from the U. S. Gazette, is unquestionably full of truth.—Eastern Argus.

"Some weeks since, I took the liberty of saying to you, that too much dependence should not be placed in the tales that are obtained from the Washington political market. The fact is, and in admitting it, I do not mean to be personal, that there are at Washington too many individuals, who for the want of actual scandal, manufacture it out of the raw material. Nor is this all. A common sized whopper, is not large enough for them. They must have the 'biggest kind,' or none; and if they get hold of a modern sized piece of scandal, they never suffer it to pass out of their hands, till they have converted it into a mountain. It is lamentable, that such things are; and it is still more lamentable, that the ferocious appetite of party spirit, actually demands this kind of nutriment."

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DELAWARE.—The Democrats have a majority on joint ballot in the Delaware Legislature, which would, of course, secure the election of a Democratic Senator to Congress, if the balloting could take place. But the federalist, it is said, have a majority of one in the House of Representatives, and that body has consequently refused to meet the Senate for the purpose of an election. In this way, it is attempted to control the will of the people. Thus do the opposition continue to act upon their settled policy, and labor for "the prevention, rather than the attainment of any positive good."

OXFORD DISPATCH.

Paris, January 22, 1839.

Consistency. The federal members of Congress are continually exclaiming against Sub-Treasuries with legs, public defaulters, &c. It is the burden of their song from day to day and from week to week. All public business, let it be ever so important, is neglected, to give a chance for every whig orator to let off his spleen against the Administration. Their cry is extravagance, corruption, and profligacy—it is the constant theme of the leaders of this, professedly, patriotic band. And yet, what are they doing to prevent it. Why, they are talking most patriotically about defaulters and defalcations of daily occurrence, without even an attempt to prevent such occurrences in future. The Administration call upon Congress to pass a Bill which will secure the safety of the public money, and which will brand the abstracting of the public treasures as a felony, and subject the perpetrator to just and merited punishment. And what will these honest whig patriots do? From what they have done, we can judge of what they will do, and that is, to use every effort to prolong such a state of things and prevent the passage of such a Bill. Such is whig honesty and whig consistency. If they would but act up to their professions of patriotism, there would be some consistency in their conduct; but such is not the case. We can judge them only by their acts, their talk amounts to absolutely nothing except a waste of time and of the people's money, the odium of which they attempt to throw upon the Administration. But the people are not so easily deceived. They can distinguish the difference between the opinions and true patriotism. They have, by their votes, at the recent elections in almost every State in the Union, sanctioned the features of the Independent Treasury Bill, and expect their servants to carry their will into effect, by the passage of that or some other measure equally effective.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR.

Hannibal Hamlin, of Hampden, Frederick Coggeswell, of Berwick, Bush Bradbury, of Calais, and Joseph H. Williams, of Augusta, Aide-de-Camp to the Commander-in-Chief.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL.

Stephen Emery, Paris, Attorney General. Abner B. Thompson, Brunswick, Adj. General. Rufus M. Tuttle, Parsonsfield, Land Agent. Thomas Sawyer, Brooks, Surveyor General. Nathl. Clark, Inspector General.

COMMISSIONERS.

Philo Clark, Turner, Esq. Adm. of the Penitentiary. William Frye, Bethel, County Attorney. Samuel Gibson, Brunswick, Esq. Co. Commissioners. Moses Hammond, Paris, Esq. Co. Commissioners. Curtis P. Howe, Mexico, Esq. Co. Commissioners.

CLERKS.

John C. Henshaw, Sheriff. Chas. Colb, Portland, Clerk of Judicial Courts. John L. Meguer, " " Register of Probate. Augustine Haines, " County Attorney.

JURYS.

Izrael Chubbourn, Adm. of Sheriff. Jeremiah Boudreau, " Clerk of Courts. Joseph W. Leland, " County Attorney.

PROSECUTORS.

Geo. W. Nichols, Wells, Esq. Reg. of Probate. Henry Talman, Bath, County Attorney.

NOTARIES.

Chas. Hotelling, Fenwick, Esq. Jos. A. Deane, Castine, Clerk Courts.

RECORDERS.

Luther Brackett, Calais, Sheriff. Sullivan S. Rawson, Bangor, Esq. Attorney.

RECORDERS.

J. A. Chandler, Augusta, Clerk of Courts. Geo. M. Weston, " County Attorney. Geo. Robinson, " Reg. of Probate.

PROSECUTORS.

Heathings Strickland, Bangor, Sheriff. Charles Settem, " Clerk of Courts. Reuben S. Prescott, " Reg. of Probate.

WATERS.

Jas. Y. McClintock, Belfast, Sheriff. Wm. H. Bartlett, Clerk of Courts.

PROSECUTORS.

Joseph Johnson, Farmington, Sheriff. Francis S. Butler, Clerk. Wm. Dekey, Register Probate.

FROM THE EDITOR'S STATEMENT.

Wise's silly attempt at impeachment.—There was one man once in Congress who moved the impeachment of Thomas Jefferson, and there is another man in Congress now, of the same school of politics, who has indirectly moved the impeachment of Mr. Woodbury, the inflexible and pure-minded Secretary of the Treasury.

The opposition will never forgive Mr. Woodbury for the efficient manner in which he has carried his Department safely through the most difficult financial crisis it has ever had to encounter. The results of the last year, in the management of the fiscal concerns of the Government, have set at naught the oracular warnings of the prophets of war, who pretended that a National Bank was as essential to the financial system, as the circulation of the blood to physical existence. By a steady perseverance in indelible industry, and prudent sagacity, in the midst of denunciation, and against the combination of the whole banking power, with a powerful and reckless political party, which started upon the declaration of war made by Mr. Webster at the whig merchants' meeting in New York, just before the premeditated suspension of specie payments, viz: to shut out the Treasury, and in despite of the infamous disposition of the federal merchants to submit to bankruptcy themselves in the hope of bankrupting the Administration—the department has been successfully conducted with a single eye to the separation of Bank and State, and in one little year the currency of the country has been revived, trade has revived, and domestic exchanges have been adjusted better than the average of the last twenty-five years; and all without the agency of a bank, in keeping and disbursing the revenue. Mr. Biddle himself has been compelled to retire from the contest, and in his last proclamation, formally "abdicates this involuntary power" of money king; declares that his beaten and failed bank, which could not prevent resumption, "has no longer any controversies with the Government"—that it "now

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justly a call on the President for the position of the national arms. But what history in Pennsylvania? No destruction of property, no bloodshed, no insurrection. So attention to Arts and Crafts? We have been having proved incompetent to keep value of the civil magistrates of the State had a new royal in been invoked! All that existed was state of excitement, probably some argu-

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Wed, Jan. 14, 1830.

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AMOS POOR.
Jas. 18. 1840

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